



Annual Report to Leyburn R.D. Council for year 1925.

April. 1926.

1. General Statistics.

AREA	...	...	...	...	63,613 acres
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	6,127
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	1,597
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	£68,441
PRODUCT OF Id. RATE	...	...	...	...	£194

The District is Mountainous, purely Agricultural, and very sparsely populated.

2. Vital Statistics.

Births.

Deaths.

Legitimate, Male 59	Female 49	} 117
Illegitimate, " 3	" 6	
Birth-rate per 1000, 19.0.		Average, 18.3.
Male 45.	Female 41.	... 86.
Death-rate per 1000, 14.0.		Average 12.2.
Deaths from Childbirth, 1.		
Deaths under 1 year per 1000 births.		
Legitimate 41.6.		Illegitimate 0 ... 41.6 ‰.
Deaths from Measles		1
Whooping Cough		0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)		0

3. Notifiable Diseases.

	Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Small Pox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	15	5	Nil
Scarlet	Nil	Nil	Nil
Enteric	Nil	Nil	Nil
Puerperal	Nil	Nil	Nil

Tuberculosis. Notifications.

Age	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Deaths	
	M	F	M	F	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1						
5						
10						Nil
15	1					1
20	2					
25						1
35						
45				1		
55				1	1	
64 up					1	
	3			2	2	2

Reported from Registrar General
Pulmonary Deaths, 4. Non-Pulmonary, 0.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum, Nil.

None of the persons who died had been previously notified as Tubercular.

4. Sickness.

There was an average amount of sickness during the year—considerable Influenza during the months of February and March.

There was an epidemic of Diphtheria as follows—

At end of June child (A.1.) of family A resident at Leyburn was absent from School with what was called "Septic Throat."

On July 18 two cases occurred at Spennithorne in family B. The infection occurring at Leyburn School,

On August 8 there was a case Family C at Leyburn.

On August 25 there was a case Family D at Bellerby, again infected at Leyburn School.

August 27, a case A 2 Family A at Leyburn, infected from A 1.

August 30, a case Family E at Leyburn.

September 5, a case Family F at Leyburn.

September 12, a case Family G at Leyburn.

September 12, a case Family H at Leyburn.

September 18, a case A 3 Family A at Leyburn.

September 23, a case A 4 Family A (the Mother).

September 26, a case Family G at Leyburn.

October 12, a case Family K at Leyburn.

October 13, a case Family L at Spennithorne.

December 9, Relapse case A 4, Mother of A family.

February 26, 1926, case M at West Witton, sits next to son of family A at School at Askrigg.

I therefore swabbed family A and found that A 3 was a carrier.

A 3 was quarantined in Hospital and no further cases occurred.

5. Nursing Arrangements.

The Coverdale Nursing Association provides one Nurse to Subscribers in a valley 12 miles long.

Nurses can be obtained (with Subscriber's Ticket) from Northallerton Rural Nursing Association.

There are no Midwives.

There are no Hospitals except the Poor Law Institution in the district.

General Cases go to Darlington or Leeds.

Infectious Cases by arrangement with the Darlington Corporation are received into their Hospital.

Similar arrangements have been made for Small Pox. Ambulances can be procured from Northallerton and from Darlington.

6. Pathological.

Water and Sewage samples are sent to the Public Analyst at Leeds.

The County Council provide free examination for Tuberculosis Sputum.

7. Sanitary.

The following Nuisances have been dealt with :—

Ashpits, 25
Middens, 6
Sewers, 2
Privies, 20

Drains, 3
Cesspools, 1
Water Supplies, 1

One Statutory Notice to abate a Nuisance has been complied with after service.

There are no Common Lodging Houses, and no Out-workers in the District.

25 Work-places have been inspected.

7 Slaughter Houses have been inspected and found satisfactory. In 1920 there were 10 Slaughter Houses in use.

Scavenging.

There is no System of Scavenging in the District.

The cleansing of Ashpits and Privies requires constant supervision, and is then quite unsatisfactory. On the whole it is better than last year.

Ash Bins in place of ashpits have been adopted for 20 houses at Middleham where there is a proper Sewage Scheme. These are cleaned regularly and are a great improvement.

Milk.

There are 133 Wholesale Traders and 38 Retail Purveyors of Milk in the district.

The Cow Sheds on the whole are satisfactory as regards light, ventilation, drainage, and water.

There are 3 Dairies, which are kept in a cleanly state. The Dairy drainage at Redmire and Coverham is very bad.

Disinfection.

The Sanitary Inspector fumigates with Formalin, and afterwards the real disinfection is done by a thorough cleansing and exposure to sun and air.

The Council should provide a portable steam disinfector for clothes, &c.

9. Housing Statistics for the Year 1925.

It is most important that the following tables should be clearly and accurately filled up, and it will be advisable to complete that portion of the Report before the more general observations and conclusions relating to housing are set out.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b).)

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :

(i) By the Local Authority.

(ii) By other bodies or persons.

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I. Unfit dwelling-houses

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 195

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. NIL.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. NIL.

2. Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 57.

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A—Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. NIL.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By owners. NIL.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners. NIL.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close. NIL.

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. I.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners. I.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.

C—Proceedings under sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

- (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders. NIL.
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made. NIL.
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit NIL.
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. NIL.
- (5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. NIL.

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The outstanding tasks are :—

- (a) Connection of houses to the Sewer in Middleham.
- (b) Finghall Water Scheme.
- (c) Scavenging.

The new Water Scheme for Leyburn is progressing.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COCKCROFT.